

Funding Opportunity Number: EPA-ORD-24315

Amendment 2

Title: Performance Verification Testing of Monitoring Systems for Air, Water and Soil

The following responds to questions raised by potential applicants. The numbering starts with question 3 to keep the responses sequential to questions addressed in Amendment 1.

Question No. 3

While we recognize the widespread acceptance being an absolute necessity, we would like to learn about your criteria defining the value of the technology verification statement. We are not sure how to address your concerns regarding the value proposition.

Response to Question No. 3

This question relates to the language that discusses “Reciprocity” on page 6 of the solicitation. Reciprocity here is not addressing the “value of the technology” itself, but rather the “value of the verification statement.” The verification statement is the summary of the results of the testing that is made available to both vendors and potential users of the technologies. A goal of the ETV Program is to gain widespread acceptance of the testing results recognizing that there are many potential users of the testing results.

Question No. 4

We are assuming that similar experience in a different area will be acceptable to you.

Response to Question No. 4

This question applies to Selection Criterion No. 2 on page 12 of the solicitation. We are looking for organizations with experience related to the Funding Priorities/Focus, primarily with respect to technology verification programs. Applicants need not have direct experience with technology verification programs for environmental monitoring.

Question No. 5

In the grant notice you have mentioned that the applicant should be aware that there are a number of efforts, both within and outside of the EPA, to achieve reciprocal acceptance of performance data. Could you please explain the significance of this in light of the current notice and what is your expectation from the applicant regarding this?

Response to Question No. 5

This question is related Question No. 3. We would expect the applicants to address the concept of reciprocity as an element of their technical approach, explaining how they would attempt to

achieve the widest range of acceptance of the test results by multiple users.

Current Due Date for Applications: 3:30 pm edt on September 27, 2004.